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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated 5/6/03 for which Response is being submitted before the due date of 6/6/03.

In the present election/restriction requirement it is stated that a further restriction to a distinct species of species A shown in Figure 1 or species B as shown in Figure 2 must be made.

Applicants elect claims 1-18, 20-23 and 25-30 all directed to a species as shown in Figure 1.

As described in the specification at page 8, a difference between the systems shown in Figures 1 and 2 is that the system shown in Figure 2 utilizes steam as the preferred purge gas in absorber (3). Dependent claims 19 and 24 are each directed to a steam stream providing a purge gas to be feed into the vessel which houses the absorbent.

It is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-30 are appropriately considered together as a matter of efficiency, do not represent added burden for searching and that the election required in the office action is unsupportable. Thus, it is respectfully requested that dependent claims 19 and 24 be examined along with the other 28 claims defined herein.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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